

# State awards grants to summer, afterschool programs

The Delaware Department of Education has awarded five new grants for afterschool and summer programs under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) program grants are designed to provide students with enrichment activities to improve the academic success of students from Title I schools. Schools are designated as Title I based on high percentage of students who come from low-income families. The money comes from federal funds.

“These programs are possible because of collaboration between our schools and community partners,” Secretary of Education Susan Bunting said. “They are great examples of how we all can work together to provide fun, engaging and enriching learning activities for students outside of the regular school day.”

The 21st CCLC programs must serve students who attend schools that are eligible as Title I schoolwide programs. Subgrantees must offer opportunities for families to actively and meaningfully engage in their children’s education. Funding for 21st CCLCs is awarded through a competitive process. Applicants propose a program and budget based on the activities designed to meet the needs of their students. These grants are renewable for up to five years.

The new programs awarded this year are listed below.

- WHMS 21st WIN (What I Need) Program at William Henry Middle School in the Capital School District will provide an afterschool and summer program for 100 students in grades 5 and 6. The program collaborates with Delaware State University, Wesley College, Junior Achievement, Kent County Community School, Kent County

Parks & Recreation, Dover Police Athletic League, UD-4-H, Dover YMCA, and the Delaware Department of Transportation TRAC Program. Activities such as sports, health, fitness, leadership, teamwork, goal setting, community service, financial literacy, the arts, theatre, bilingual, and Spanish language acquisition are incorporated into the program (\$320,000).

- The Charter School of New Castle Mind and Body (MAB) Program will provide an afterschool and summer program for 125 students in grades K – 8. Program partners include the New Castle County government and its Route 9 Library and Innovation Center (R9LIC), and the YMCA. The program will include math league, chess club, interscholastic basketball, computer training, flag-football, step team, interscholastic volleyball, kung fu lessons, cheerleading, interscholastic soccer, music club, organized play (for younger students) and character development (\$400,000).
- Great Oaks Charter School Afterschool and Summer Gladiators program will provide afterschool, summer, and Saturday programming for 300 students in grades 6 – 9, including high school sports, a comprehensive music program, and specialized math and English language arts tutoring. Students also will engage in science, technology, arts, mathematics, and engineering projects, as well as leadership and character development (\$400,000).
- The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension 4-H at Milford Central Academy and Milford High School will provide an afterschool and summer program for 75 students in grades 6 – 12 in Milford School District. Activities will focus on leadership, healthy living, college and career readiness, independent living skills, service learning opportunities, homework help, tutoring, and hands-on enrichment activities (\$240,000).
- Woodbridge School District's Woodbridge Middle School's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will

provide an afterschool and summer program for 75 students in grades 6-8. Students will receive focused homework assistance from certified teachers to ensure that work is not only being completed but also understood. Self-selected clubs focus on areas of student interest such as the arts, leadership, and music. The program will have partnerships with the University of Delaware, the Bridgeville Public Library, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, the Freeman Foundation, and Heritage Shores. There will be mentoring opportunities from community members, as well (\$230,000).

These new grant winners join Delaware 21st CCLC programs funded in previous cohorts:

- Delaware Technical Community College at Stanton Middle and McKean High Schools in Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Delaware Futures, Inc. at Bayard Middle School in Christina School District
- University of Delaware Cooperative Extension at Shue-Medill Middle School in Christina School District
- University of Delaware's Delaware Academy of School Leadership at McIlhvaine Early Childhood Center and Stokes and Brown Elementary Schools in Caesar Rodney School District
- Capital School District at East Dover Elementary School
- Cape Henlopen School District at Milton Elementary School
- Cape Henlopen School District at Rehoboth Elementary School
- Cape Henlopen School District at Brittingham Elementary School
- Sussex Technical School District at Wheatley Elementary in Woodbridge School District
- Red Clay Consolidated School District at Lewis Dual Language, Richardson Park and Warner Elementary Schools

- East Side Charter School
- Capital School District at Dover High
- University of Delaware Cooperative Extension at Lake Forest South Elementary in Lake Forest School District
- University of Delaware Cooperative Extension at Showell Elementary, Selbyville Middle and Clayton Elementary in Indian River School District
- Capital School District at Central Middle School
- Freire Charter School
- Thomas Edison Charter School
- Kuumba Charter School

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